Impact of Local Restrictions in North East England

Areas affected
- Durham (County Council area)
- Gateshead (Metropolitan Borough Council area)
- Newcastle (City Council area)
- Northumberland (County Council area)
- North Tyneside (Metropolitan District Council area)
- South Tyneside (Metropolitan District Council area)
- Sunderland (City Council area)
- Hartlepool
- Middlesbrough

Who is affected?
- Golf clubs in affected areas
- Members of golf clubs living in affected areas, even where their golf club falls outside of the area

What are the changes?
- It is illegal to socialise indoors with anyone that is not part of the same household or support bubble
- Government also advises that you should not
  - meet with people you do not live with, unless they’re in your support bubble, in any outdoor public venues. This includes outdoor areas of venues (such as a beer garden) and areas directly outside of settings or venues, such as the pavement or road and parks. This applies to inside and outside of the affected local areas
- Clubhouses must operate a table service for all food and drink. A take-away service may also be provided
- Clubhouses must close between 10.00pm and 5.00am
- Locker rooms should be closed except for allowing use of toilets, wash-hand basins and the retrieval of stored items

What remains unchanged?
Aside from those changes outlined above, no other changes to the guidance in our ‘Framework for Playing Golf’ are required. The current guidance can be found here - https://www.englandgolf.org/download/a-framework-for-playing-golf/

This includes
- Playing of golf outdoors may continue in its current format
- Pro’s Shops may remain open with mandatory wearing of face coverings
- Face coverings must also be worn in all public areas of the clubhouse, except for whilst eating and drinking
A legal obligation for clubs to collect track and trace information on all visitors to the clubhouse and to retain this information for 21 days

Clubs/facilities should adhere to the guidelines provided. These have been published to assist clubs/facilities in providing as safe an environment as they can. Failure to follow this guidance may leave clubs/facilities open to enforcement action from local authorities and/or Police, or subject to disciplinary procedures from England Golf.

Where can we find more information?


NB – clubs should liaise with their relevant Local Authority to access advice on local restrictions and to ensure that they are complying with them.